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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Applicants hereby submit and request consideration of the Amendment filed herewith. As indicated on the Fax Transmission Cover Letter, Applicants petition herewith for a One-Month Extension of Time, thus extending the period for response to June 14, 2006

As indicated on the Fax Transmission Cover Sheet, Applicants authorized the RCE fee (37 CFR §1.17(e)) in the amount of \$790.00 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0413. Please charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Respectfully submitted,

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